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A Weekly Wrap Up of All Things Addison!

May 15, 2020

Council Update

Town of Addison COVID-19 Update



Per the Governor's Executive Order, on Monday, May 18, private office buildings may open with the greater of five or less individuals or 25% of the total office workforce. These individuals must maintain appropriate social distancing. Gyms, exercise facilities, and exercise classes may also open on May 18, but must operate at 25% occupancy. Locker rooms and shower facilities must remain closed, but restrooms may open. Non-essential manufacturing services may also open on May 18, but facilities must limit their occupancy to 25%.

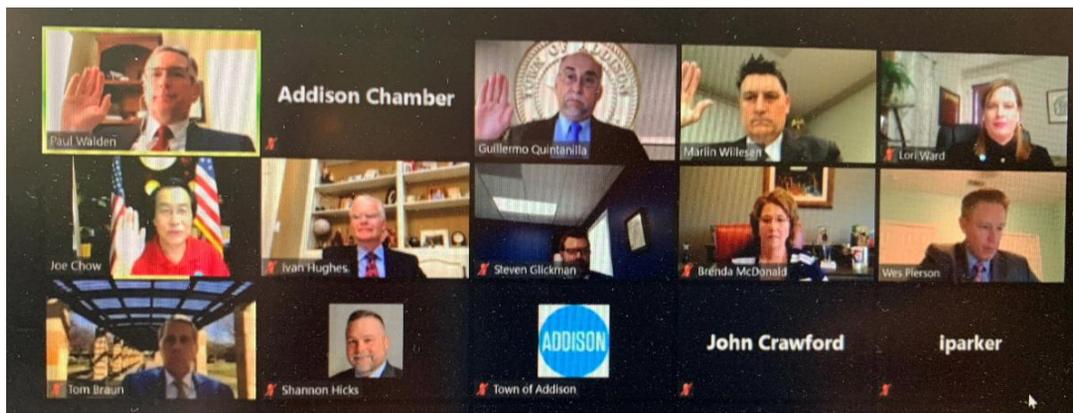
These newly opened services are subject to recommended minimum standard health protocols outlined by the Texas Department of State Health Services. These protocols will be available on the [Open Texas webpage](#) .

People over the age of 65 are still strongly encouraged to stay at home as much as possible; to maintain appropriate distance from any member of the household who has been out of the residence in the previous 14 days; and, if leaving the home, to implement social distancing and to practice good hygiene, environmental cleanliness, and sanitation per CDC recommendations.

All individuals are encouraged to wear appropriate face coverings, but no jurisdiction can impose a civil or criminal penalty for failure to wear a face covering.

Dallas County Health and Human Services is currently reporting that Addison has 23 of confirmed COVID-19 cases. You can get more information on Addison's COVID-19 efforts at www.AddisonTexas.net/covid19 .

Re-elected Council Members Sworn In and Mayor/Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore Appointed



City Council Members Guillermo Quintanilla, Paul Walden, and Marlin Willesen were unopposed for the May 2, 2020 election. At the February 25, 2020 Council Meeting, the City Council officially declared the unopposed candidates elected to office. At the May 12 City Council Meeting, Mayor Joe Chow administered the oath of office to the three incumbents at the beginning of the meeting.

Also during the meeting, the Council selected Lori Ward to serve as Mayor Pro Tempore and Guillermo Quintanilla to serve as Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore.

You can [watch the swearing in here](#) and [watch the Council's Mayor/Deputy Mayor Pro Tempore discussion here](#).

Council Approves Emergency Funding for Metrocrest Services



At its May 12 meeting, the City Council approved an \$85,000 emergency funding request from Metrocrest Services. Since the middle of March when the COVID-19 pandemic began, Metrocrest Services has seen significant increases in demand for food and rent assistance. Addison families visited the organization's food pantry 189 times in April, a 302% increase over last year, and Metrocrest Services is projecting to spend \$73,232 on food from April through July to support Addison residents. It has also assisted 22 Addison families in April with rent assistance, a 144% increase over last year, and is projecting to serve 92 more Addison families over the next four months at a cost of \$55,200.

Addison allocated \$66,120 for funding for Metrocrest Services as part of the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. This one-time emergency grant is in addition to the budgeted grant.

You can support the Metrocrest Services through financial contributions, as well as donations to its food pantry. Volunteers are also needed to assist with food distribution. Find out more details [on their website](#).

You can [watch the Council's Metrocrest Services discussion here](#).

Council Approves Mid-Year Budget Amendments

Each year, the Finance Department staff reviews the budget to determine which items should be recognized with formal budget amendments. When budget variances occur that are outside of the City Manager's authority, these adjustments are presented to the City Council in the form of a budget amendment. At its May 12 Meeting, the Council approved budget amendments related to the Addison Circle Park Fountains, 2019 Bond Program projects, Basin I Sewer Reroute Project, and Customs Facility Project, as well as capital equipment, repairs, and transfers.

You can [watch the Council's mid-year budget amendment discussion here](#) and [read the presentation here](#).

Business Pulse

Taste Addison Canceled



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Taste Addison 2020, originally scheduled May 29-31, has been canceled. Although the Town considered alternative dates for the event, due to the uncertainty surrounding restrictions on large-scale gatherings, it has made the difficult decision to cancel this year's festival.

The Special Events Department is currently working toward an agreement with booked national musical acts to reschedule performances for next year's event. Taste Addison 2021 is currently anticipated to kick off June 4, 2021 at Addison Circle Park. Taste Addison tickets have already been automatically refunded to the credit card used to make the purchase; no action from the ticket buyer is required.

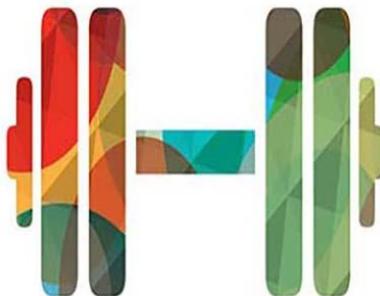
Around Addison

Addison Continues to Provide Services Virtually

Addison will continue to offer services virtually for the foreseeable future. Visitors to Town buildings are asked to schedule appointments prior to entering (except for the Athletic Club), so that staff can limit the number of guests in our buildings at any one time. Visitors are asked to wear face coverings, practice social distancing, and use hand sanitizer before and after transactions.

A list of ways you can reach staff by email and phone is available [on the website](#). Thank you for your patience as we work to keep our guests and Addison employees as safe as possible during these unprecedented times.

Addison Athletic Club Opens May 18 with Limited Hours



The Addison Athletic Club will reopen on Monday, May 18, but will operate on a reduced schedule. In order to accommodate Governor Abbott's 25% capacity requirement and to ensure the appropriate amount of social distancing, the maximum number of guest allowed in the club will be capped at 60 at one time. In accordance with the Governor's executive orders, guests will be required to wear gloves that fully cover from the wrist to the fingers while exercising and are encouraged to wear face masks. To facilitate a safe reopening, members are asked to wear their masks when they enter and exit the building. Gloves will not be provided, so guests must bring their own. Staff will be using a contactless process to check in members and we encourage members to bring their own water bottles.

All guests will be required to clean equipment prior to and after use. This is a club policy, but it is also a requirement of the state's order. You can find the [state's checklist for gym patrons here](#).

Below is the schedule and the list of amenities that will be available.

Schedule

Monday – Friday: 7am - 7pm (closed from 2pm – 3pm for deep cleaning)

Saturday: 8am - 5pm (closed from 1pm – 2pm for deep cleaning)

Sunday: Closed

What is open for use by our members:

- Limited Fitness & Cardio Equipment
- Gym
- Walking Track
- Areas Designated For Fitness Instructors (no classes are currently being held)
- Outdoor Tennis / Pickleball, Volleyball and Basketball

What will be unavailable for use:

- Childcare Services
- Indoor Pool & Hot Tub (showering is required prior to entering and showers are closed)
- Racquetball Courts
- Locker Rooms - Including Steam Room & Sauna (state requirement)
- Library
- Community Room
- Coffee Bar
- Ping Pong
- Foosball

There will not be any in-person classes or senior programs at this time. Programs will still be offered virtually until they can be phased back in, so please follow the [Athletic Club's](#)

[Facebook](#) page for more details.

Staff will not take reservations for the Outdoor Pavilion or other group gathering spaces until executive orders allow larger gatherings.

Thank you for your patience as we work to navigate the first phase of the Athletic Club's reopening.

Dog Park Reopening Plan

On Monday, May 18, Redding Dog Park and the small dog run by Loos Field will reopen to the public. The Parks team has recently sodded Spruill Dog Park so it will remain closed an additional two weeks in order to give the grass time to grow.

Beginning June 1, the Parks Department will begin closing the dog parks one day a week for maintenance. This will allow staff to do additional cleaning, maintenance and allow the turf to recover. Spruill Dog Park will be closed on Tuesdays and Redding Trail Dog Park and the Loos Field dog run will be closed on Wednesdays.

Please practice social distancing when using any of the Town's parks, including the dog parks. We appreciate your continued patience as we work to make Addison a better place to live, work, and play.

Trails Master Plan Survey



The Town of Addison needs your input! We are building upon previous community planning efforts to establish a City-Wide Trails Master Plan. We know that trails are important to our health and play a vital role in our community. Please share your thoughts on how to make them better! If you live, work, or just visit our trails and parks, please answer a few quick questions about the trail system. Help staff identify what is needed, what trail connections need to be made and what types of connections are most important to you.

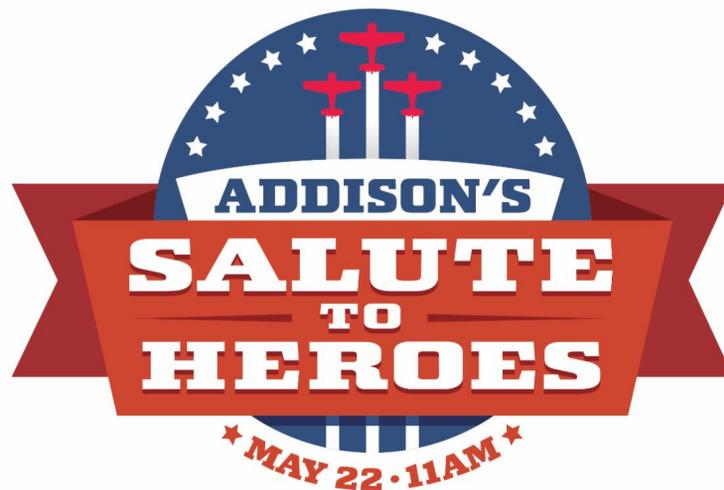
Please [complete the survey here](#) by May 31 and one lucky person will receive a \$100 gift card to the Addison restaurant of their choice!

Sojourn Drive Mill and Overlay Project

On May 18, the Town will begin a mill and overlay of Sojourn Drive from Westgrove Drive to Addison Road. Access to driveways, sidewalks, parking lots, and streets will be limited at times during construction. Construction is anticipated to take three weeks to complete.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Todd Weinheimer by email at tweinheimer@addisontx.gov or by calling 972-450-2841.

“Addison's Salute to Heroes” Flyover to Take to the Skies on May 22



The Blue Angels flyover of Dallas-Fort Worth was nothing short of spectacular, but it didn't pass close enough for Addison residents to see. So the Town of Addison and Cavanaugh Flight Museum have decided to join forces for an “Addison's Salute to Heroes” flyover that will take to the skies at 11am on Friday, May 22, kicking off Memorial Day weekend and recognizing first responders, essential workers, and veterans.

The flyover will consist of a collection of the historic warplanes from Cavanaugh's extensive collection, including a B-25, P-40 and T-6 formation, as well as a rarely seen privately owned Beechcraft Starship (one of four in the world) and the T-37 Tweet owned by the Service Air Corps.

The planes will take off from Addison Airport at 11am and gather in air space north of the Town. The formation will circle seven area hospitals and fly over Belt Line Road as well as Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. The planes will fly over Addison once more as they prepare for landing at the Addison airport at approximately 12:30pm.

Many thanks to our partners at the Cavanaugh Flight Museum and Million Air for making this possible.

Addison Census Response Rate Breaks 50%



While you are practicing social distancing at home, please take a few minutes to fill out your Census. Once you receive your invitation, you can respond by mail, telephone, or online at my2020census.gov . Addison's current [response rate is 51.3%](#) , which is slightly below the Texas average rate of 52%, and lower than our neighboring cities.

Now more than ever, it is important that every person participates. The count is used to allocate important federal funding and congressional representation. For additional information, you can visit our website at www.AddisonTexas.net .

How to Stay Informed

Addison shares information with the community in a number of different ways. Here are some ways you can stay updated on the latest news:

Website:

- www.addisontexas.net: Find alerts and updates on the homepage and department specific updates on department pages
- www.addisontexas.net/covid19: Find specific COVID-19 updates and resources

Social Media:

- [Addison Facebook](#)
- [Visit Addison Facebook](#)
- [Addison Twitter](#)
- [Visit Addison Twitter](#)
- [NextDoor](#)

Addison Weekly Digital Newsletter: Emails are sent weekly, or more frequently as needed.

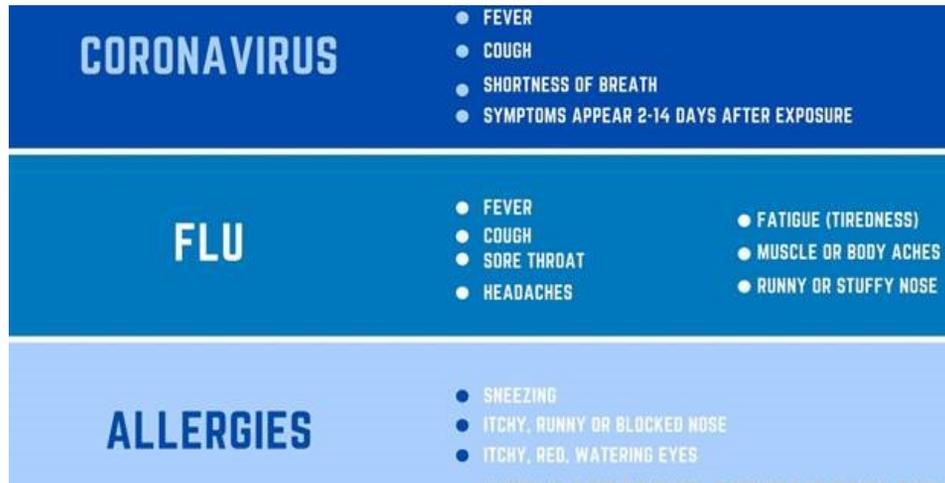
If you have specific questions, please contact Addison's Marketing Department at marketing@addisontx.gov.

Follow CDC Social Distancing Guidelines

The Town of Addison is taking action to prevent the spread of COVID-19. We would like to encourage everyone to join us. The CDC has encouraged the community to practice social distancing, but also to follow these steps to minimize the spread of any disease:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and help young children do the same. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces using a regular household cleaning spray or wipe.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you do not have a tissue, use your sleeve (not your hands).

Below are some symptoms to be aware of:



If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact Dallas County directly at 972-692-2780 (Hours: 9am - 3:30pm, Monday - Friday).

For additional resources, visit the [Town's website here](#) .

Important Numbers and Websites

Town Hall:
972-450-7000

Non-emergency Police Dispatch:
972-450-7156

Missed Trash:
972-392-9300 , Option 2

Athletic Club:
972-450-7048

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